

REMARKS

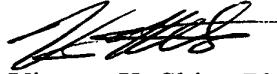
Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application.

Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the substitute Sequence Listing is found in the present application. No new matter has been introduced by the submission of the substitute Sequence Listing, and the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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